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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of Defense Mobilization

ATTENTION: Assistant Director for Telecommunications

SUBJECT: Statement for Use in Hearings on the FCC
Budget

1. Attached hereto is a statement of this Agency in support of the expansion of the radio monitoring facilities of the Federal Communications Commission.

2. You will note that it is unclassified, but it is requested that if at all possible, it be presented to the Committee in Executive Session.


Assistant Director

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Statement of the Central Intelligence Agency in Support of the Expansion of the Radio Monitoring Capabilities of the Federal Communications Commission.

1. The CIA, as a part of its general intelligence responsibilities, has been requested to provide much more complete intelligence of foreign usage of the radio frequency spectrum than is presently available. In order to meet this requirement, the CIA is establishing a central file ^{of radio monitoring records from all available sources as a service} ~~to all interested agencies~~ ^{Government} of common concern ~~services~~ to all interested agencies. This information is necessary to the operation of the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the U. S. Information Agency and other governmental agencies.

2. The intelligence required of CIA includes:

a. An understanding of the magnitude and method of operation of foreign radio communication systems particularly those behind the Iron Curtain.

b. The contribution of the communication structure to the military, economic, technical, social and political situation in foreign countries.

c. An estimate of the trends and future developments in geographic areas particularly in inaccessible countries.

d. An understanding of the capabilities and vulnerabilities of national communication structure in relation to radio jamming.

3. The proposed expansion of monitoring activities by the Federal Communications Commission will provide much of the detailed information on radio transmissions necessary to developing our knowledge of foreign communications activities for the foregoing purposes. It is intended that the information obtained by these expanded activities be supplied to the central file ^{of radio monitoring information} referred to in paragraph 1, to be made available by it to those agencies requiring this type information.